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PROCEEDINGS.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Society held in Hodgson Hall on May 7, in addition to the routine business, consisting of the reading and confirmation of minutes of previous meetings, and the submission and approval of the financial reports of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that the proceedings of the Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting, including the address of Mr. Alexander C. King, had been printed and distributed to members. The Corresponding Secretary made a verbal report of the result of recent visits made by him to Augusta, Atlanta, Athens, Macon, Columbus, Montgomery and Sylvania in the interests of the Society.

At a special meeting of the Board of Curators held on April 13, 1917, the President appointed a committee composed of the Corresponding Secretary and the Librarian for the purpose of investigating the needs of a State Department of Archives and History and the best means by which such a Department could be established and maintained, and to report the results of their investigation to the Society as early as practicable. The Corresponding Secretary read the report of the Committee, a copy of which follows:

"Your committee appointed to investigate what steps should be taken by this Society for the purpose of having established by the Legislature a Department of Archives and History for Georgia, begs leave to make the following report:

"There is unquestionably a great need for a Department of Archives and History for Georgia to preserve the perishing records of our State, and to make available the historic data now scattered and practically unknown.

"The scope, organization, and cost of such a department will require careful investigation, and sufficient time should be taken to avail ourselves of all the valuable experiences of other states in the establishment of similar departments in order that economy and efficiency may be secured.

"We therefore recommend that the representatives of Chatham County in the General Assembly be requested to secure the passage of a bill at the next session of the Legislature, directing the appointment of a Committee to investigate fully the needs of a Department of Archives and History for Georgia, and to recommend to the Legislature an Act covering the scope, organization and cost of such a Department for our State."

The report was received and the meeting unanimously voted that the Committee take the matter up with Repre-

sentative A. A. Lawrence and enlist his aid in securing the passage of an appropriate bill at the forthcoming session of the Legislature

The Librarian submitted some correspondence that had passed between himself and the postoffice authorities in respect to the classification of and the postage rates to be paid for handling the Quarterly through the mails. It was unanimously voted that Senator Hoke Smith's advice be sought, with a view to having the Quarterly admitted to the mails as second-class matter.

Mr. W. W. Gordon gave notice, in accordance with Article 15 of the Constitution, of his intention to move the amendment of Article 9 of the Constitution so as to provide for meeting the requirements of the Postoffice Department in respect to the desired classification of the Quarterly as second-class mail matter.

The following gifts were presented and ordered acknowledged:

A photographic reproduction of "The Rape of Bethesda," a rare book of much curious interest, presented by Mr. Leonard L. Mackall; "Thomas Jefferson, Architect," presented by Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr., of Boston; a Map of Screven County, presented by Mr. J. E. Twitty, of Sylvania, Georgia.

It was reported to the meeting that the Curators had, at their regular meeting held May 4, elected the following new members:

Dr. G. M. Overstreet,	Sylvania, Ga.
Mrs. E. K. Overstreet,	Sylvania, Ga.
Mr. W. J. Walker,	Sylvania, Ga.
Mr. W. M. Hobby,	Sylvania, Ga.
Mr. J. E. Twitty	Sylvania, Ga.
Mr. Andrew J. Cobb,	Athens, Ga.
Mrs. Mabel Gordon Leigh,	London, England.

The following names were proposed for membership and they were unanimously elected:

Mr. Hunt Chipley,	Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. Shepard Bryan,	Atlanta, Ga.
Rt. Rev. Warren A. Candler,	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Mary Elvira Cook,	Columbus, Ga.
Rt. Rev. Frederick F. Reese,	Savannah, Ga.
Mr. A. W. Van Hoose,	Rome, Ga.
Mr. M. M. Parks,	Milledgeville, Ga.
Mr. Jos. H. Napier,	Macon, Ga.

Mr. M. Felton Hatcher,	Macon, Ga.
Mr. Jos. H. Hall,	Macon, Ga.
Malcolm D. Jones,	Macon, Ga.
Judge W. H. Felton,	Macon, Ga.
Mr. Eugene Anderson,	Macon, Ga.
Judge Dupont Guerry,	Macon, Ga.
W. T. Anderson,	Macon, Ga.

A meeting of the Board of Curators was held May 24th, when the following members were elected:

C. V. Stanton,	Waycross, Ga.
Harry D. Reed,	Waycross, Ga.
John W. Bennett,	Waycross, Ga.
J. L. Crawley,	Waycross, Ga.
J. I. Summerall,	Waycross, Ga.
Thos. A. Parker,	Waycross, Ga.
A. M. Knight, Sr.,	Waycross, Ga.
Hugh J. Benton.	Waycross, Ga.
A. G. Miller,	Waycross, Ga.
J. L. Sweat,	Waycross, Ga.
L. J. Cooper,	Waycross, Ga.
Archibald Smith,	Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. T. M. Green,	Washington, Ga.